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Ref: MM Doc Ket 93-48

Dear Sir

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I am interested in "The Children's
Television Act" enacted in October 1990.

- Please send me a copy of this Act or
Information (Name - Address - Phone No.)
where I can obtain a copy.
- Please Send Names of Committees of Both
Houses of Congress and Names of Chairman
Studying/Proposing legislation requiring
new TV's come with the "V-chip"
(V for Violence) enabling parents to block
violent programs.
- Please send any other information or proposed
action by the FCC on this Subject.

Thanks

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From: Ed & Terri <starfish@datasync.com>
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Date: 9/29/95 6:32pm
Subject: Support PBS

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To Reed E. Hundt,

If you really are making an attempt to improve the content of childrens programing, I hope you take a long close look at what PBS has to offer. You will find that thier programs are clean, factual, and to the point. They are void of violence, sex, and unmoralistic behavior. These programs are intertaining and educational. It is a shame that the #1 show in America recently was "Roseanne"! How sick has our society become? We need not feed this sickness with more media that encourages such warped behavior! I hope you give PBS and Mr. Ervin S. Duggan all the support he needs to keep his service alive in these times of serious budget cuts. I agree that television has become a "vast wasteland". There is, however, an oasis of hope in this rapidly deteriorating arena. It is called the Public Broadcasting System. Help it if you can!

It is the responsability of all men who hold public office to guide the people in the right direction. They must use thier influence to create rules and regulations that will benefit all of society. I must admit that your challenge is great. Uneducated voters don't always know what is best for them. They are too easily swayed by the false promises from those who choose to use thier positions for personal gain only.

Sincerely,
Ed McLendon
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Date: 9/29/95 3:18am

I'm writing from Minot State University, Dr. Seymour's Telecommunication Class, about violence etc. on TV. As the mother of 7 children, I am concerned about the type of viewing available to them. I totally agree that there needs to be more appropriate choices for them. I think our youth are becoming so used to violence and pornography they have no respect for other persons. I see this as a serious breakdown of moral values and a definite problem for our future. Any steps you are able to take on improving this situation have my full hearted thanks!

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Hi! I am a first year law student at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota...

While taking a study break, I went to the main library and picked up a periodical titled, "Vital Speeches," where I read your speech! WOW!!!

I thoroughly enjoyed it. Honestly, I agree with you whole heartedly, but what can I do to keep violence off of the airways???

It's not too often people receive compliments in our busy world, so I just wanted to take the time to say "Way To Go!!!" and "Keep up the good work!"

I think our nation's children should occupy themselves with life's simple treasures like nature walks with their parents, apple picking during the autumn months, running bases with neighbor children, drawing pictures for their swimming teachers, etc.

Anyway, when mom, dad, babysitter...need a break, sure Sesame Street is GREAT.

But what about all the other "junk???"

Have a great day.

Sincerely,
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My name is Melissa Byer. I am in the seventh grade at Millboro Elementary. I wanted to tell you my opinion on whether we should change some shows like Married with Children, Almost Perfect and Roseanne. These are some of the shows they should keep: Cybill, the Nanny, Touched by an Angel, Christy and Dr. Quinn. I think that more shows like these should be on TV. I think that people should be more concerned on what kids watch these day, because when kids grow up they may be influenced by what they show on TV. they might show there kids what they saw on TV when they were little kids

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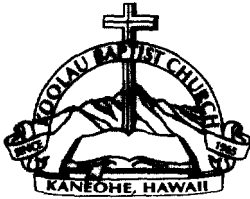
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Unless the programs change, our children will continue to have their 2 TV-choices. It is off, or tuned to PBS. The quality of the programs is abysmal and inappropriate, they can learn absolutely nothing from watching them. Talk is cheap. Talking about how worried government officials are about our violent society and premiscious teenagers will not help unless we get to the heart of the problem. Children who are on a regular diet of Power Rangers and Batman, with a pinch of talk-shows and Aladdin are bound to have problems. They are bound to think that problems can be solved by fighting and that the world revolves around falling in love and sex. For us, the choice is simple. We do not watch. However, please think about the messages we are sending to all the children who do not have parents home after school to monitor their viewing habits! Thank you for thinking about their, and our, future.

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to give my input concerning MM Docket 93-48. As a father and pastor, I am vitally concerned about the collapse of moral values in America's society and the resulting destruction of the American family unit. I am convinced that American television has contributed much to that collapse and destruction.

When I was a young boy in the 40's and 50's, I could watch television without being morally de-programmed. True family values were the norm. But today's children are inundated with filth and immorality on almost every channel. With parents working, children are at home alone and they do not have discernment to be selective in their viewing.

Therefore, not only should children's television be improved, all television programming should be cleaned up by eliminating gutter language, alcohol, drugs, illicit sex, and violence. Man was not created by God to live on a level with animals. Man was created by Him to glorify Him in all His holiness.

Television advertising is frequently as harmful as the programming. Women nearly nude modeling undergarments; men modeling under briefs; sexual innuendos and such like are not necessary and are in fact an affront to our holy and pure God.

So, it's not so much the quality of children's programming that needs improvement as it is the indecency of all television programming at large. I wonder is there a person among you who would dare to standup and do that which is right, and wholesome, and God-honoring. Who will take a stand and begin to turn our once great country back to her Bible-based roots? If we want to save our families, if we want to redeem our children, there is no suitable alternative. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Bowlin

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"The end of your search for a Gospel preaching church"

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Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Amanda Briscoe I am seven years old.

I like Gerbert because it teaches you things about manners, and that you should stay yourself. One time Gerbert wanted to be an adult because he thought adults could do anything they wanted to but he learned they couldn't play with their friends. I would like to see Gerbert back on TV.

I like Family Matters because of Steve. I like his laugh. I like the way the family likes to do things together. My favorite Family Matters is where Steve gets his appendix out and Carl gets shot in the behind and has to be a roommate with Steve.

I like McGee and Me because McGee helps Nicholas by sometimes giving advice. McGee is funny and he comes to life. His voice is funny. In Twister and Shout someone says, "Any further instructions?" and he says, "Yeah, take out the dog, for good."

I like Winnie the Pooh because he's funny and I like his friends and I like Eeyore because he's always sad. My favorite Winnie the Pooh is Pooh to the Rescue because they try to help Christopher Robin.

I love Full House because I love Michelle. I especially like it when Michelle's a baby. My favorite Full House is when Jesse and Becky get married and he isn't there for the wedding.

I like Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Pluto cartoons because they are funny. I think the things Donald Duck gets into are funny.

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I don't like Shining Time Station because my mom won't let me watch it because of Scherner. I also don't like The Puzzle Place because my mom won't let me watch it because they prayed to a goddess.

I don't like Power Rangers, X-men and Spiderman because of the fighting.

Thank you for putting TV shows on the TV.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir/Madam:

My name is Kristella Briscoe and I am four years old. I like to watch Full House because Stephanie got her ears pierced. She learned to obey her daddy.

America's Funniest Home Videos because they do funny stuff. The dog jumps out of the bath.

I don't like it when Mommy doesn't like stuff on TV and turns the TV off. I don't like it when my big sister knows the stuff is yucky and turns it off. Shining Time Station (Mommy doesn't like this because, "Schemer does bad stuff and never pays the consequences").

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to see more shows that help children appropriately deal with the complications they face in life without thinking they have to resort to magic, or become super-heroes with special powers. Each morning, our family (as well as other families we know) has enjoyed watching Gerbert tackle small kid-sized challenges like the handmade gifts he saw adults throw away, or learning manners. Sadly, Gerbert has been removed from the KOCE programming this season.

Our family enjoys the simplicity and friendly humor Winnie the Pooh offers. We developed a fondness for the characters with their own personalities. Kids have had grumpy days, and have been around parents who have, too, and so can relate to Eeorye. They have often had younger brothers and sisters destroy their creations and so can understand Rabbit's frustration when Tigger "bounces" through his garden and destroys it. Yet despite their diverse approaches to life, these friends accept and care for each other.

The effort to expose children to other cultures in order to head-off prejudice are often transparent, and unbelievably contrived. It seems consistent with this movement to put a skull cap on Rabbit, a medicine pouch around Kanga's neck, Spanish as Piglet's primary language and Confucius' philosophies in Owl's advice scripts. Children can learn to appreciate that every child is unique and worthy of respect and love whether that uniqueness comes from their cultural background or their physical structure.

However, we do not need to indoctrinate them on the cultural diversity show after show, series after series. As politically incorrect as this may seem, I am offended by series like The Puzzle Place that encourage my child to participate- even if just passive participation by viewing- in chanting, rain dance appeals to spirits and prayers to goddesses.

Television is passive participation. When we set before our children Power Rangers and X-Men, they become those heroes and fight those battles in their minds. Most would agree that actions result from an idea. Is it any wonder that the ideas that saturate our children's minds every day for even 30 minutes a day can result in changed behavior (not necessarily desired behavior). Isn't this the concept that has created many corporate empires founded on behavioral change?

I do not want my seven and four year olds growing up believing that it is acceptable to challenge, deceive and even disregard authority. Though they may try these themselves, I do not plan on allowing situation comedies to instruct them daily on the ways to do it! Some rerun slots have been filled this season with shows that seem intent on doing just that.

It seems that a good guide is, "Good literature, tested by time, breeds good shows." Along with that rule would be a warning that writers not tamper with that literature in order to make it fit a "politically correct" mold or deal with 20th Century issues (as Christy did when given environmental instruction on "Catch and Release" of fish).

Teen pregnancy, violence and disobedience run rampant in society, but I do not invite them into my home. I do not want my children saturated with the how-to's of any of these. Rather than Beverly Hills 90210, we choose The Andy Griffith Show. Some of the lessons Opie learned still help my children happily conduct themselves as loving family members (and note that Andy was a single father! This show should appease many activists). Nor did Andy do a mating dance in which we could all passively participate in its culmination.

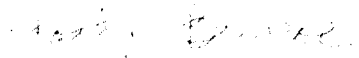
Mr. Rogers, and Shei Lewis have entertained, instructed and given TV hugs to generations of kids. They are the tried and true classics. They teach respect for others' diversity and go beyond that. They give kids creative ideas for spending free time. Mr. Rogers even fits in educational tours that I know many mothers rush to view.

I hurt for the growing number of single-parented children, but according to TV my children would grow up believing this is the ideal and the true family. Violence is not the answer to every problem. I do not believe that alternative lifestyle means acceptable lifestyle. Sex is not the answer to every teen's insecurity and need for acceptance (nor is having to find a boyfriend or girlfriend at 13-16). I also mourn for many of the children with delinquent parents on TV. It does not seem to matter if the format is situation comedy or cartoon. The people with wholesome values and healthy lifestyles are too often portrayed as ignorant, unenlightened fools. I do not believe that you sow healthy futures by dwelling on the unhealthy.

There have been several times when my children have been watching reruns of family shows that the commercials have been extremely inappropriate for children. Often this has been during the 4:30-7:00p.m. time slot, while watching Family Matters or Full House. The commercials have been for violent movies airing later on that channel. They have included violent previews, profanity, and sexual scenes or overtones. Since the shows airing appeal to children and families, it really angers me to have to monitor commercials. Of course October usually offers its share of challenges during these time slots as well. I have often had to change channels or turn off the TV during commercials for horror and slasher movies at this time of the year. I will never forget the shock of seeing commercials for movies about a frightening doll ("Chuckie," I think) during Little House on the Prairie at 11:00a.m. If the movies require a warning to parents as they start, it is safe to assume the commercials for them are also inappropriate for children. It seems stations could use common sense, and sensitivity to the age of its viewers when scheduling commercials. We have concluded that the only safe viewing during October, is PBS, videos, or taking a break from TV all together.

Thank you for taking the time and interest to hear my concerns. Thank you for taking my children's best interests into consideration as you continue to battle for healthy television programming.

Sincerely,



Kathy Briscoe